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For: Method of Fabricating an Amorphous or Polycrystalline  
Layer on an Insulating Region

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**Preliminary Amendment Based on Specification and Claims as  
Amended Pursuant to Article 19 and/or 34 (2)(b)  
of the Patent Cooperation Treaty**

Sir:

With a view to avoiding claims surcharge fees otherwise due and to placing their application in a condition believed to comply with current U.S. patent prosecution standards, Applicants courteously request that their instant application be amended as follows.

In the Specification:

Page 1, line 7: insert --BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION.

1. Field of the Invention.--;

page 2, line 2: insert --2. The Prior Art.--;

line 12: insert --OBJECT OF THE INVENTION.--;

line 20: insert --BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION.--;

page 3, line 2: insert --DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVERAL DRAWINGS.--;

line 15: insert --DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED  
EMBODIMENTS.--;

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page 8, line 1: cancel "Patent Claims" and substitute therefor --What is claimed is:--; and

page 9, line 1: cancel "Abstract" and substitute therefor --ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE.--.

In the claims:

Claim 1, line 1: change "Method" to --A method--;

claim 2, line 1: change "Method" to --The method--; and

claim 3, line 1: change "Method" to --The method-- and cancel "or 2".

Respectfully submitted,



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